

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Fukumura et al.
Appl. No.: 09/720,979
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For: Negative-Sense RNA Virus Vector
for Nerve Cell

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Examiner: Katcheves, Konstantina
Group Art Unit: 1636

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is hereby requested that the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action be extended three months from April 17, 2003 to July 17, 2003 by the filing of this Petition and fee payment.

The petition fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) is believed to be \$930.00 for a three-month extension for a large entity. Fee payment is provided in our accompanying Check No. 1570. However, if extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those provided herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,

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